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Task assigned to the various classes of political prisoners.

* 372 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of political prisoners was in the jails of this Presidency on 1st October 1933;

(*b*) how many of them were put in A class, how many in B class and how many in C class;

(*c*) whether A class, B class and C class political prisoners in a jail are allowed to mingle with each other;

(*d*) whether A and B class political prisoners are made to do any work; and

(*e*) if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) The number of civil disobedience prisoners in the jails of this Presidency as it stood on 30th September 1933 was 209.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to rules 747-C (7) and 747-D (5) of the Madras Jail Manual. The Government have not recognized any special class of prisoners known as political prisoners.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" With reference to the answers (*b*) and (*c*), will the information be made available to the House as soon as it is got? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I shall consider my hon. Friend's suggestion."

Allotment of labour to ' C ' class political prisoners in jails.

* 373 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what kinds of work are extracted from ' C ' class political prisoners in jails;

(*b*) whether they are made to work under criminal convict warders; and

(*c*) whether they are given oil baths and, if so, how many times a month?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules in Chapter XXIV of the Madras Jail Manual.

(*b*) He is referred to rule 339 (iii) of the Madras Jail Manual.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and the second part of the question does not arise.

Dietary of political prisoners in jails.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the diet given is to ' A ' class, ' B ' class and ' C ' class political prisoners in jails; and